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## LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 15th December, 1954:—

BILL NO. 62 OF 1954

*A Bill further to amend the Prevention of Disqualification (Parliament and Part C States Legislatures) Act, 1953.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

**1. Short title.**—This Act may be called the Prevention of Disqualification (Parliament and Part C States Legislatures) Second Amendment Act, 1954.

**2. Amendment of section 4, Act I of 1954.**—In section 4 of the Prevention of Disqualification (Parliament and Part C States Legislatures) Act, 1953, for the words and figures “31st day of December, 1954”, the words and figures “31st day of December, 1955” shall be substituted.

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## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 4 of the Prevention of Disqualification (Parliament and Part C States Legislatures) Act, 1953 (I of 1954) as originally enacted granted protection from disqualification from membership of Parliament in respect of certain offices up to the 30th April, 1954. In order to enable the Government to prepare comprehensive legislation on the subject, Parliament, during the Budget Session this year, amended section 4 and extended the temporary protection up to the end of this year.

The question what exactly is an ‘office of profit’ and the question in what circumstances such an office should not disqualify its holder from being a member of Parliament are both difficult questions for

which ready answers cannot be found. A committee of Members of Parliament has also been considering this problem but has not yet reached definite conclusions. It has recommended that the temporary protection at present granted up to the 31st December, 1954, may be extended for a further period of one year.

The Bill is intended to give effect to this recommendation.

H. V. PATASKAR.

NEW DELHI;  
The 11th December, 1954.

M. N. KAUL,  
*Secretary.*